



## McCormick's Creek State Park

Interpretive Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 7 days a week!

Look for our program schedules on the web: [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm)

Our programs are free and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Please contact the Nature Center if you would like us to do a private program for your group- **812-829-4344**.

**\*\*Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get "INshape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

### TUESDAY, JULY 1

**10:30 a.m. HP/HP: Meet the Peden's-** Meet at the Nature Center. The land that is now McCormick's Creek State Park has a rich history. Learn about one of the first families to live and work on this land. Bring hiking shoes and water. 1 hour.

**2:30 p.m. Beginning Birding-** Nature Center. Learn the 6 S's to successful birding!

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

**10:30 a.m. HP/HP: A Quarryman's Tale-** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. Learn about the day in the life of a quarryman as they worked in the Statehouse Quarry on this property. Bring hiking shoes and water. 1 hour.

**2:30 p.m. Whoooo's Who? Owl Program-** Nature Center. Learn the difference between the common owls of Indiana and their special adaptations to hunt at night.

### THURSDAY, JULY 3

**12:30 a.m. Nature's Myth Busters!-** Nature Center. Uncover some of nature's most common myths.

**2:30 p.m. Nature FEAR FACTOR!-** Nature Center. What are your fears? Bring your family to participate in our very own competition! Laughs and learning with hands-on challenges.

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Turtle time:** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break to learn about these ancient reptiles!

### FRIDAY, JULY 4: HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Fireworks are not permitted in the park. The closest fireworks display is in Bloomington. Drop by the nature center for more information.

**11:00 a.m. Lunch with the Butterflies-** Drop by the nature center to make your very own butterfly snack and learn more about butterflies at McCormick's Creek.

**2:00 p.m. Nature's Red, White, and Blue bingo-** Take a break from the heat in the Nature Center's air conditioned program room for a game of bingo. Nature comes in all colors but today we'll focus on red, white, and blue!

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Snake Break:** Swimming in the pool today? Join a naturalist for the four o'clock break for a short introduction into the world of snakes!

## SATURDAY, JULY 5:

- 11:00 a.m.** **Snakes!** We don't have a red white or blue snake in the park! Nevertheless, bring the whole family by and we'll introduce you to our park's beautiful black snake!
- 1:00p.m.** **Naturalist will be roving at Wolf Cave to answer questions.**
- 2:00 p.m.** **Square dancing lessons with the campground hosts:** Swing your partner by the nature center program room to learn the basics with Ron and Anita Adamson.
- 4:00 p.m.** **Pool Program: Dazzling Dragonflies:** Swimming in the pool today? Join a naturalist at the four o'clock break to create your own patriotic dragonfly.

## SUNDAY, JULY 6

- 9:00 a.m.** **Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.
- 10:00 a.m.** **Red, White, and Bluebirds:** Meet at the Nature Center to help monitor 36 bluebird nest boxes in the park. Learn more about Bluebird Trails and see the life cycle in a nest with your own eyes. Bring hiking shoes and water! 2 hours.

## MONDAY, JULY 7

- 10:30 a.m.** **Nature's Sixth Sense Walk-** Nature Center. Use your senses, yes your six senses, on short walk.



## TUESDAY, JULY 8

- 10:30 a.m.** **HP/HP: Arrest the Pest: Emerald Ash Borer info!-** Nature Center. What is an invasive insect? The EAB is changing the face of Indiana landscapes by destroying its ash trees. Learn how to identify and prevent its spread.
- 2:30 p.m.** **Creek Peek-** Meet at the Nature Center. Don't be afraid to get a little wet during this program as we search for the macro-invertebrates and other living critters in the creek!

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

**Naturalists are attending training.**

Please explore the Nature Center and take time to view wildlife at our observation area.

## THURSDAY, JULY 10

- 10:30 a.m.** **Crayon Hike:** Meet at the Nature Center. Experience the colors of nature! \*perfect for kids.
- 2:30 p.m.** **Go Batty!-** Nature Center. *One Little Brown Bat can catch over 3000 mosquito-sized insects in one night!* Learn how bats fly, hunt, and some common myths.
- 4:00 p.m.** **Pool Program: Insect Mania!** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist for the pool break to learn all about the world of insects!

## FRIDAY, JULY 11

- 10:30 a.m.** **CCC History Walk-** Meet at Canyon Inn front steps. Hard-working CCC men in the 1930's built trails, shelters, and made a lifelong impact on McCormick's Creek State Park.
- 2:30 p.m.** **Find the fire tower:** Meet at the Canyon Inn. Hike trail four with a naturalist to climb the fire tower that was built by the CCC.
- 4:00 p.m.** **Pool Program: Beavers-** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break to learn about beaver adaptations. Someone will be dressed like a beaver!

## SATURDAY, JULY 12: CCC Heritage Day

- 10:00 a.m.** **CCC Heritage Builders for Experiencing Nature:** Meet at the Canyon Inn.
- 1:00 p.m.** **A day in the life of a CCC worker:** Nature Center. What was life like for a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps?
- 4:00 p.m.** **Pool Program: Turtle Time-** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break to learn about these ancient reptiles!
- 9:00 p.m.** **Stories in the Stars-** Meet at the Nature Center. Relax and listen to stories of common constellations. We'll take a short walk to an open area to identify star combinations!

## SUNDAY, JULY 13

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

**10:30 a.m. Spiders 101:** Nature Center. These eight legged predators are an important part to the food web. Learn more about the arachnid family in this short program!

**1 p.m. Naturalist will be roving Wolf Cave to answer questions**

## MONDAY, JULY 14

**10:30 a.m. Fossil Walk-** Meet at the Nature Center. Crinoids, brachiopods, chert nodules, and more!

**2:30 p.m. Butterflies of Indiana slideshow:** Nature Center.

*"Butterflies are self propelled flowers."*-R.H. Heinlein

## TUESDAY, JULY 15

**10:30 a.m. Sensory Hike-** Meet at the Nature Center. Discover nature using all your senses!

**3:00 p.m. Snakeesssss-** Take a closer look at our reptile ambassadors at the Nature Center.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

**10:30 a.m. Nature's First Aid-** Nature Center. Take a short hike with a naturalist to look at the forest as a living medicine cabinet.

**2:30 p.m. Toad-ily TOADS!** Nature Center. Can you get warts from touching a toad? We'll look at a live toad to uncover myths and learn more about this active amphibian!

## THURSDAY, JULY 17

**10:30 a.m. Wildflower Wandering-** Meet at the Nature Center. What's blooming' in July?

**2:30 p.m. Dragonfly 101:** Nature Center. Come to the Nature Center program room to cool off while learning about the mosquito hawks of summer!

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Owl Pellet Dissection-** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist for the pool break to find out what the owls have been eating...

## FRIDAY, JULY 18: FULL MOON!

**10:30 a.m. Terrific Trees-** Meet at the Nature Center. Take a short hike to learn interesting facts you may not know about our everyday trees. (approximately 30 minutes)

**2:30 p.m. Loony Moon Craft-** Nature Center. Find out some interesting facts about Earth's only natural satellite and make a moon flip book to take home.

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Creature Feature: Box Turtle!** Swimming in the pool? Join the naturalist for a short introduction to box turtles.

**8:30 p.m. "By the Light of the Moon" Hike-** Meet at the Campground Gate. We'll use the light of July's full moon to guide our way as we take a closer look at the sensory adaptations of nocturnal animals!

## SATURDAY, JULY 19

**10:30 a.m. Home Sweet Habitat-** Nature Center. Habitat, habitat, what makes a habitat!

**2:30 p.m. Invasive Invasion!** Nature Center. What is an invasive species? How to we protect our native plants and animals?

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Bee Family!** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist during the break! Meet the honeybee family! Why are these bees important? Dress like a worker bee!

**7:30 p.m. LIVE MUSIC at the Park Amphitheater: The Bloomington Community Band-** *Joining us again this year, the Bloomington Community Band started in 1978. The volunteer concert band includes 40-60 members so join us at the renovated Park Amphitheater for some toe-tappin' fun music!*

## SUNDAY, JULY 20

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

**1 p.m. Naturalist will be roving Wolf Cave to answer questions**

## MONDAY, JULY 21

**2:30 p.m. Squirmy Worms-** Nature Center. Feeling squirmy... take a closer look at the adaptations of worms and learn about worm composting.

## TUESDAY, JULY 22

**2:30 p.m. Natural Tools-** Nature Center. A hummingbird's beak is sort of like a straw...This activity will give you a little insight about bird beaks and what they're used for! \*\*perfect for kids

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

**2:30 p.m. Turtle Talk-** Nature Center. Turtles have remained unchanged for about 200 million years. Find out more about their techniques for survival while taking a closer look at our resident turtles.

## THURSDAY, JULY 24

**2:30 p.m. Pollinator Power!** Did you know 80% of the world's crop plants depend on pollination? Come learn about the power of pollinators!

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Snake Break-** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break for a short introduction to the world of snakes!

## FRIDAY, JULY 25

**2:30 p.m. Sassafras Beads!**- Nature Center. Learn the art of making beads out of local sassafras twigs! Finish a bracelet, necklace, or keychain tag to take home with you.

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Dragonflies-** Swimming in the pool? Visit a naturalist at the break for a short program on these high-flyin' insects!

## SATURDAY, JULY 26

**10:30 a.m. Animal Architects:** Meet at the nature center. Just as us humans need a place to call home, so do the critters living in our park. Who are these fabulous builders and just how do they do it?

**1 p.m. Naturalist will be roving Wolf Cave to answer questions**

**2:30 p.m. Trees 101-** Nature Center. Learn how to identify ten common trees of McCormick's Creek State Park. It's not really a college course; but be ready for a quiz!

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Spider 101:** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist for the break to learn about spiders and even see a few up close!

**8:30 p.m. "Night Owls" Hike-** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. This short hike is for all those "night owls" out there who like to stay up late. Experience the night by using your senses!

## SUNDAY, JULY 27

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

**10:30 a.m. Geology ROCKS!-** Nature Center. Geology can be fun to learn about, especially when you can see it with your own eyes. As you walk the trails at McCormick's Creek State Park, you may notice how important geology is when you pass the Falls, Wolf Cave, or the Quarry! Visit a naturalist to learn more about the park's geology.

**1 p.m. Naturalist will be roving Wolf Cave to answer questions**

## MONDAY, JULY 28

**2:30 p.m. Insect Mania!** Nature Center. Join a naturalist and dive into the exciting and diverse world of insects!

## TUESDAY, JULY 29

**2:30 p.m. High Flyers: The Turkey Vultures-** Nature Center. Learn about the life of those "big, black birds" soaring in the sky.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

**2:30 p.m. Reptile Rendezvous:** Snakes aren't slimy! Come feel for yourself!

## THURSDAY, JULY 31

**2:30 p.m. Life in the Water!-** Nature Center. What do you see down in the creek? Take a closer look at the resident water snake and red-eared slider and learn their role in the creek.

**4:00 p.m. Pool Program: Snake Break-** Swimming in the pool? Join a naturalist for the break to meet the nature center's resident reptile.